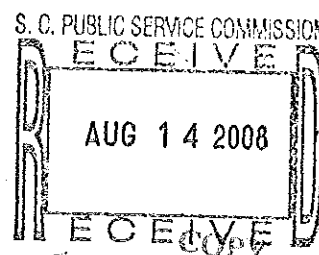


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RE: Docket 2008-196-E: Support for Schedule Change

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I understand that the Carolina Energy Users Committee and CMC Steel South Carolina requested a change in the schedule for filing testimony to allow more preparation for the hearing on the SCE&G application for construction of proposed new nuclear reactors.

As a customer who will be affected by rate increases to fund the construction of those reactors, I want this matter to be fully and carefully considered before any decisions are made. The public and all stakeholders need to be fully informed on this complex issue. All of us need access to the relevant facts. We also need enough time to absorb the information involved and to formulate considered responses to SCE&G's application.

Considering that billions of rate payer dollars and decisions that will significantly affect the energy future and energy options of our state are involved, I believe that this is a matter that should not be decided too quickly or with too little information or public input. Indeed, when the radioactive waste that results from nuclear power operations is considered, some of the results of this hearing could last for thousands of years.

Since complex financial, safety, environmental, technical, and energy policy matters are involved, and since these matters are not common knowledge for most citizens or affected businesses, I ask that the request for the change of schedule permitting more time be approved. I believe that more time for filing testimony and for preparation for the hearing is necessary for a matter like this that will have very large and very long term effects on our future.

Sincerely,

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